

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| APPLICANT: | Fors et al. | GROUP ART UNIT: | 2439 |
| APPLN. NO.: | 10/739,354 | EXAMINER: | Jackson, Jenise E |
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| TITLE: | Upper Layer Security Based on Lower Layer Keying | | |

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2009 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.